

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW ROBINSON AND HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise along with my colleague, Rep. HENRY C. JOHNSON, Chair of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, to thank Matthew Robinson for his service to the Committee on the Judiciary,

Matthew came to the Committee after first entering public service as a Judiciary Clerk for Senator Russ Feingold, and then spending five years at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Don LLP. Matthew received his B.A. from Yale University and his J.D. from the New York University School of Law.

Matthew first joined the Committee in 2019 as a Counsel for the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. For three years in this position, he played a critical role in reforming our courts system. Matthew spearheaded a courts agenda to promote transparency and accountability in the "Third Branch" of government with the goal of strengthening and supporting the rule of law and equal justice. Matthew also helped manage hearings that addressed the need for ethics reforms. Building off these hearings, he assisted in leading the passage of the Court-house Ethics and Transparency Act, which became law in May 2022. Matthew also helped in the introduction of a comprehensive set of reforms for the Supreme Court in the Supreme Court Ethics, Recusal, and Transparency Act.

Matthew continued his dedication to reform in several additional efforts to create a courts system that truly works for all Americans. Matthew developed two hearings that highlighted the critical need for stronger workplace protections for courts employees, which led to the introduction of the Judiciary Accountability Act. He also worked on investigations on the state of the judiciary's information technology systems, and on the passage of the Open Courts Act, a bill aimed at overhauling the judiciary's electronic case management systems and making court records free to the public.

In addition to this portfolio, Matthew was always willing to go above and beyond by helping other efforts. In particular, he assisted the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law on bankruptcy matters, as well as on its 16-month investigation into the state of competition in the digital economy that focused on the challenges presented by the dominance of Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google. Lastly, Matthew worked diligently on the first impeachment of former President Donald J. Trump, including assisting in the compilation of the Committee's Report. Recognized for his dedicated service, Matthew was named as Senior Counsel to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet in February 2022.

Throughout all of his work, Matthew brought his tireless worth ethic and commitment to excellence. Our Committee, Congress, and the American people greatly benefited from his service.

While we are sad to see Matthew go and he will certainly be missed, we are happy that he will continue to serve the public interest as senior counsel for oversight at the U.S. Department of Education.

We thank Matthew Robinson for his service to the Committee and wish him the best of luck with this new chapter.

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL GREGORY T. LEE OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Greg Lee for his extraordinary service to his country and community. Lance Corporal Lee honorably served in the Vietnam War and continues to go above and beyond to serve North Country veterans.

Greg Lee was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 3, 1951. After moving to Virginia in 1955, Greg left school in eighth grade and supported himself by working three separate jobs. Utilizing this disciplined work ethic, Greg enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on May 2, 1968. Shortly after enlisting, Greg was deployed to Vietnam, where he conducted search and destroy missions throughout the Quang Nam Province. While engaging the enemy during Operation Oklahoma Hills on May 8, 1969, Lance Corporal Lee was seriously wounded in action by a mortar explosion. His right arm had to be amputated due to these injuries.

For this brave service in combat, Lance Corporal Lee was awarded the Purple Heart medal and Combat Action Ribbon. Due to his injuries, he was taken back to the United States. Greg moved to Peru, New York, where he immediately began helping other wounded veterans by driving them to and from the VA hospital in Albany. After Greg was discharged, he tried to reenlist in the Marines. Lance Corporal Lee was not discouraged by his wounds saying, "He could do with one arm what any man could do with two arms."

Despite his reenlistment application being denied, Greg continued to serve his country by working for the Plattsburgh Airforce Base in the Department of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation. Greg worked at this job serving his fellow veterans until his retirement in 1991. Once retired, Greg continued to support local veterans by organizing functions for the Disabled American Veterans Organization, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Legion posts. In addition to his work with these organizations, Greg has been an active member of the Honor Flights in Plattsburgh since 2013.

During this time, Greg has given countless hours to organizing over forty Honor Flights for his fellow veterans.

Lance Corporal Lee has accomplished all of these incredible things while battling service-related cancers throughout the years. Despite these hardships, he continues to tirelessly serve his country and the North Country veteran community. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize and thank Lance Corporal Greg Lee for his steadfast commitment to service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROSE ANNE HOLMAN

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rose Anne Holman for her years of dedicated service to the people of Georgia's 12th Congressional District and offer my congratulations upon her retirement from public service.

A valued member of our team, Rose Anne has been with our office from the very beginning. In fact, she's been working for our constituents even longer than I have.

Having formerly served under my predecessor, Congressman Barrow, Rose Anne brought a wealth of experience to our office that has enabled us to provide the top-quality constituent services upon which we have come to pride ourselves.

Whenever one of our neighbors needed help, Rose Anne was there. Such was her commitment to our district and to the people who she dedicated lunch time and effort to serve. I heard so many stories, especially from our Vidalia onion farmers, that Rose Anne assisted them in navigating difficulties with the federal government and helped save the day.

Rose Anne has been an exemplary public servant, and, moreover, a cherished friend and colleague. On behalf of our entire team, I extend my best wishes to Rose Anne and her husband, Howard for all the blessings this new chapter will surely bring and thank her for her time and service on behalf of Georgia's 12th Congressional District.

CELEBRATING MR. TOM DiMAGGIO

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Tom DiMaggio of Monterey, California, as he celebrates his 100th birthday on November 18, 2022. Mr. DiMaggio is a stalwart of the Monterey Peninsula, and his efforts to lift up our community has already secured his legacy in Central Coast history.

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In an effort to provide a better life for her son, Mr. DiMaggio's mother, Maria Radiatti, worked tirelessly to send him to the United States before he was conscripted into the fascist dictator Benito Mussolini's military. Leaving his home country of Italy behind, Mr. DiMaggio joined his extended family in Monterey and worked to turn the fishing hobby of his childhood into a career.

Mr. DiMaggio relocated to Alaska to pursue his fishing career, and for the next 50 years after returning home to Monterey, Mr. DiMaggio captained many vessels, including the *Tommy D*, the *Ronnie F*, the *Sockeye*, the *Swan*, and the *Sea Queen*. Throughout his career, Mr. DiMaggio was a well-known and respected figure in the Alaska and Monterey fishing communities.

Outside his distinguished fishing career, Mr. DiMaggio is a dedicated family man and active community member. On April 24, 1949, Mr. DiMaggio and Eva DiMecurio married, and together, they raised three children: Tommy, Marilyn, and Sal, as well as one granddaughter, Meredith. In 2019, the couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Throughout their lifetime together, Tom and Eva have proven their dedication to our community by donating their time and talents to the Sanctuary Bible Church in Carmel Valley and as members of the "Giovannottis," a charitable group that provides dinners to the community. Currently, Mr. DiMaggio is an active member of the Italian Catholic Federation, the Compare Club, the Elks Lodge, and Festa Italia, of which he was named the Grand Marshal for the 2010 parade.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Tom DiMaggio for his extraordinary and celebrated life. As he celebrates his 100th birthday, Mr. DiMaggio continues to inspire the Central Coast for generations to come. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him today.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO REQUIRE THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO INSTALL THE D.C. SEAL IN THE MAIN READING ROOM ON THE THOMAS JEFFERSON BUILDING

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to require the installation of the District of Columbia's seal on the stained-glass windows in the Main Reading Room of the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress, where the seals of all the states and territories that existed when the building was constructed, except for the District, are depicted. D.C.'s seal was readily available at that time and should have been included.

The seals of Hawaii and Alaska are not included in the display because they were not states or territories when the building was constructed. This fact argues for the inclusion of the District, which, after all, was the nation's capital at the time of construction. The omission of D.C. was brought to my attention by a District resident, Luis Landau, a former docent at the Library.

The residents of the District have always had all the obligations of American citizenship, including paying federal taxes and serving in all the nation's wars, including the War of 1812, during which the Capitol building, which then housed the Library of Congress, was burned, prompting construction of the current Library building with the state and territory seals. It is, therefore, without question that the District and its residents should receive equal treatment among the stained-glass windows that portray the history of the United States. D.C. residents deserve to have their history and American citizenship recognized.

There is existing evidence that the D.C. seal should have been depicted. The Members of Congress room in the Jefferson Building, which is not open to the public, has a painted depiction of the D.C. seal included with state seals on its ceiling. This precedent reinforces our request to be represented among the stained-glass windows in the Main Reading Room, which is open to the public.

Congress already often includes D.C., or has corrected the omission of it, when honoring the states. For example, D.C. now has two statues in the Capitol alongside two statues from each of the 50 states. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 requires the armed services to display the District flag whenever the flags of the states are displayed. Legislation was also enacted to give D.C. a coin after it was omitted from legislation creating coins for the 50 states. We also successfully worked with the U.S. Postal Service to create a D.C. stamp, like the stamps for the 50 states, and worked with the National Park Service to add the D.C. flag alongside the state flags across from Union Station. It is long overdue to display the D.C. seal with the seals of the states in the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING OF THE 98TH BIRTHDAY OF THOMAS CLEVELAND

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 98th birthday of Thomas Cleveland.

Thomas was born on October 6, 1923. He spent most of his life in Coosa County, Alabama, but was drafted in April of 1943 at the age of 18. He went to basic training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. While there he was trained in demolition and experienced his first injury. The soldiers were training with TNT and a detonation cap exploded in his hand.

After Camp Shelby, he was off to Camp Kilby, New Jersey, where he boarded a troop ship and headed to Birmingham, England. The trip across the ocean was 14 days and he was seasick for seven of those days recalling the ship rocking back and forth sending him to the deck to hang his head.

Once across the English Channel, he landed on the beaches in Normandy, France, during the second wave of the invasion. It was there he was shot in the shoulder resulting in his first Purple Heart. When he went into the

U.S. Army, his mother had given him a small Bible with a metal cover to carry with him. Even today, the Bible has blood stains from the shoulder wound. The bullet is still in his shoulder.

During the Battle of the Bulge, he received another injury and the second Purple Heart.

When asked what he remembers most about War World II, he tells of constantly advancing on the enemy and being separated from his unit when they encountered Germans. Once reunited with his unit, only four soldiers were left in his squad. This is when he received a battle-field promotion from the rank of private first class to sergeant.

Three years after being drafted, the war was over for Thomas and he went back to the United States at Fort Lewis, Washington, to be discharged. After a train ride from Washington to Birmingham, Alabama, he took a taxi back to Hanover, Alabama, where he continues to live today.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Thomas and wishing him a very happy 98th birthday. I thank him for his service to our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was not able to be present for Roll Call No. 479 on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 1464. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 479.

HONORING MICHELLE WAITE

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michelle Waite for her lifetime of dedication to the Great State of Nebraska, the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, and our military and veteran community. After twenty-four remarkable years, Michelle is retiring after a career of incredible service to our university and the citizens of our state.

Michelle hails from Cody, a town in the beautiful Sand Hills of Nebraska and she completed her undergraduate education at Doane College in Crete. She also earned a Master of Legal Studies Degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law. In addition, Michelle is the proud mother of Cody and Logan, and we are grateful to Cody for his service in our Armed Forces.

Since 1998, Michelle Waite has served in the office of the chancellor where she currently works as the Assistant to the Chancellor for Government and Military Relations. In that role, she serves as the principal advisor to UNL Chancellor Ronnie Green. In 1987, Michelle went to work for former Speaker of the Legislature, Ron Withem of Papillion, serving as his Legislative Assistant until his retirement in 1997. Following Speaker Withem's retirement, Michelle went on to work for State Senator Ron Raikes until she was hired in

1998 as the Associate to UNL Chancellor James Moeser.

Michelle Waite has been an impactful and transformative leader during her tenure for our university and her work has changed the lives of people all over our state. She has worked for three different chancellors as their principal advisor, helping guide the University in its relationships with many different external constituencies, including federal, state, and local agencies. In that capacity, she has been responsible for the strategic management of the University's legislative agenda, and she has worked as the primary representative tasked with interfacing with our unique single house legislature, affectionately known by many as the Unicameral. I am also appreciative of the advice she has provided my team in the years since I first took office.

Considering that we just celebrated Veterans Day, I also want to highlight Michelle's outstanding contributions for our military and veteran community. As the school where General of the Armies John J. Pershing served as the Commandant of Cadets, the University of Nebraska—Lincoln has a proud and long military tradition that has produced countless men and women charged with leading our Armed Forces. During her tenure, Michelle Waite has been responsible for supervising the campus ROTC units and she has been liaison with all branches of the military, as well as with our veteran community. As a military parent, Michelle carries that unique perspective shared by countless military families and this has helped further inform her leadership over the course of many years.

From her efforts towards the adoption of academic regalia denoting military service to helming the Veterans Tribute to memorialize our veterans in the heart of campus, Michelle's impact on the campus military community will be long enduring. Michelle played a critical role in helping the University adopt a resident tuition program for non-resident service members and she has been a leader in the effort to provide enhanced benefits for disabled service members and their families. Under her guidance, UNL established the Military and Veteran Success Center in 2015 which has become a valuable resource providing professional, educational, and personal services for our entire student veteran population.

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium was built in honor of those Nebraskans who fought in the war to end all wars and originally the stadium displayed plaques recognizing those Nebraskans who paid the ultimate price. In order to ensure their memory never fades, Michelle led the effort to create replacements for the long-lost original plaques. Now, those new plaques honoring those Nebraskans who fought and died in World War I greet all visitors who enter this special monument for freedom. She also helped pave the way for veterans to be recognized during football games, with a video tribute for one veteran during the second quarter of every home game and she was the driving force behind the POW/MIA Chair now on display in Memorial Stadium. Finally, Michelle topped off her career by spearheading the multimillion-dollar Veterans Tribute monument dedicated on September 11th of this year in the heart of campus.

Whether it is working with the military or serving as an advisor to collegiate organizations like UNL's Innocents Society, Michelle

Waite has had a positive impact on students, faculty, and citizens from every corner of our state. I thank Michelle for her faithful service and leadership for all of Nebraska and I congratulate her and her family on a well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING LISA KAPLAN, NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Lisa Kaplan as she retires as a member of the Natomas Unified School District Board of Trustees. Since she was first elected in 2002, Lisa has been an invaluable member of our community, especially as schools faced unprecedented challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, I ask my colleagues to stand with me to honor her legacy.

Lisa grew up in a small town in Oregon and regularly offered help to those in need throughout her life. Lisa's long history of volunteer work includes assisting in the children's ward at UC Davis Medical Center while attending law school as well as helping in local Natomas schools while working in the state legislature. Since 2010, ACC continues to operate Sacramento County's Meals on Wheels program. Not only do they provide meal delivery, but they have partnered with local restaurants and food trucks throughout the years to make diverse meals more accessible to seniors in our community, serving 2,000 homebound seniors and older adults each week.

During Lisa's tenure, Natomas Unified School District showed an increase in test scores that significantly narrowed the achievement gap, passed four school bonds to upgrade existing facilities and provide new tools for 21st century learning, and obtained the highest graduation rates in the county.

Madam Speaker, today we honor Lisa Kaplan for her commitment and dedication to the students of Natomas Unified School District.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DONALD O. ALLEN, SR.

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, friends and family are gathering to celebrate the life of Donald O. Allen, Sr. Born in Washington, D.C. in 1950, he made Buffalo his home after attending East High School, Bryant Stratton Business School, and SUNY Empire College. He began his 27-year career in public service in 1978 as the Assistant Director of the Summer Youth Program in the city of Buffalo. He also took on the role of Minority Recruiter, Human Resources Planner, and Senior Deputy Commissioner in 1978.

When he assumed these positions, he became an indispensable pillar within the Buffalo community, and he would remain as such for

the rest of his life. His efforts will continue to be felt by countless members of the community for many years to come. After retiring from his career in public service in 2005, he continued to serve the community for an additional 16 years by joining the Erie County Sheriff's Department. Furthermore, as a Zone Leader and City Democratic Chairman for the Erie County Democratic Committee, Donald had 4 terms to make his voice heard as a political leader.

In his spare time, he never missed an opportunity to engage with the community. And due to this commitment, he was honored at several points in his life for his service on the Buffalo Youth Board, at the Pratt-Willert Revitalization Corporation, and as the Buffalo Handicapped Chairman.

Married for 23 years to his loving wife, Lynette, there is an abundance of their children, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren that can continue their legacy and honor their memory. Donald Allen, Sr. will forever be a cherished community leader. While the place he holds in everyone's hearts can never be replaced, his dedication to others will continue to serve as an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BARBARA WILLIAMS JENKINS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a devoted librarian, avid researcher, and dedicated preservationist, as well as a longtime friend. Dr. Barbara Williams Jenkins transitioned from this life on October 27, 2022, in Sumter, South Carolina. Her work to preserve African American history in the state of South Carolina will have profound implications for generations to come.

Dr. Barbara Williams Jenkins was born on August 17, 1934, in Union, South Carolina to the late Ernest Nesbit Williams and Johnnie Sartor Williams. She graduated from Wilkinson High School in Orangeburg, South Carolina in 1951. She attended Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina, and graduated in 1955 with her bachelor's degree in English Literature and minors in Library Science and French.

Dr. Jenkins then went on to get her Master of Science in Library Science at the University of Illinois in 1956. She later continued her studies at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, Atlanta University, and Clemson University, and received her Ph.D. in Library and Information Services from Rutgers University in 1980.

I knew Dr. Jenkins well through her transformational work in the state. She inherited her love of learning from her parents, who were both graduates of Claflin University. Despite facing adversity as a young Black woman in academia, she was unflinching in her pursuit of academic excellence.

Dr. Jenkins spent the first 40 years of her career at my alma mater, South Carolina State University, where she was a staunch advocate for the library science program and a mentor to many. She started as their Reserve and Circulation Librarian in 1956, and soon

transitioned to Reference and Documents Librarian. In 1962, she was elevated to the position of Library Director. She served in that position for 25 years. She concluded her tenure at South Carolina State University in 1997 after serving for 10 years as Dean of Library and Information Services.

Throughout her time there, she played a crucial part in the creation and oversight of the South Carolina State College Historical Collection and the South Carolina State College Historic District, and memorialized many significant historical structures and sites in Orangeburg. She became the first African American President of the South Carolina Library Association in 1986.

After her retirement from South Carolina State University, she went on to be a founding—member of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission. Throughout the next 30 years, she would be a leader in the effort to document underrepresented sites in the state's archives related to African American History, adding an incredible 300 markers throughout her time with the Commission. Earlier this year, the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission released the "Green Book of South Carolina", which featured sites originally documented by Dr. Jenkins. Even after her retirement from the Commission, she remained involved in training and mentoring the next generation of librarians and historians to carry these efforts forward.

She was acknowledged as a giant both on campus and in the field of historical preservation, and she earned many awards and accolades for her work. These included the Land-Grant Director's Association Award (1978), "Boss of the Year" (1980) from the Orangeburg Chapter of Professional Secretaries, the President's Award from the South Carolina Library Association (1987), the South Carolina State College Distinguished Service Award (1991), the University's First President's Service Award (1997), the SOLINET Board of Directors Service Award (1992) and the University's first Emeritus Award (2000). In 2019, she was also awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor in the state.

Throughout her life, Dr. Jenkins was an active member of several civil and social organizations. Some of the historical and library boards of which she was a part include the African American Heritage Council, the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, the South Carolina Library Association, and the South Carolina Archives and History Commission. She was also a lifelong member of the NAACP, a member of The Links, and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, for which she previously served as the Regional Director for the South Atlantic Region.

Dr. Jenkins, a woman of faith, was a longtime member of Williams Chapel AME Church. She was married to my high school baseball and football coach, the late Robert "Bobby" Alvah Jenkins. They raised two children, Ronald Robert and Pamela Ruth, and shared several grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Barbara Williams Jenkins. She dedicated her nearly 70-year long career to ensuring African American history was woven into the fabric of our state's history. She will be sorely missed and ought to be well-remembered.

RECOGNIZING JOHN B.
BILLINGSLEY, JR.

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John B. Billingsley, Jr., Founder and CEO of the recently launched JBB Advanced Technologies headquartered in the 24th Congressional District, which I proudly represent. Prior to launching JBB Advanced Technologies, Billingsley founded Tri Global Energy 13 years ago and built the Dallas-based company into one of America's top five renewable energy developers before its recent sale.

John has been widely recognized as a pioneer and industry leader for his vision and contributions to the development of renewable energy in Texas and the U.S., including by D CEO Magazine. Recently Billingsley was the recipient of its 2022 Renewable Energy Impact Award. In 2021, D CEO Magazine named Billingsley as their Renewable Energy Executive of the Year as a part of their annual Energy Awards. The awards honor excellence and innovation in oil and gas from North Texas to the Permian Basin and for only the second time, this award included the category of renewable energy. In addition to the designation for the Annual Energy Awards, D CEO magazine also named John Billingsley to its Dallas 500 list. The list features the Dallas/Fort Worth region's most influential leaders in more than fifty different industry categories.

Billingsley, a West Texas native and Texas Tech University graduate, has founded and operated more than 20 businesses in industries as diverse as accounting and banking to agriculture, real estate, and manufacturing. He founded Tri Global Energy based on a business model of involving local landowners and communities in wind power projects and led the company through more than a decade of growth and expansion. The story of Tri Global Energy is told in his 2020 book, *Texas Wind Force*. I wish him the best of luck in his newest venture JBB Advanced Technologies which delivers more profitable, environmentally friendly digital technologies by developing renewable energy sources to power blockchain and artificial intelligence-based innovations.

I want to express my appreciation and best wishes to John Billingsley upon his impressive recognitions by D CEO magazine. The great state of Texas was built by visionary leaders and entrepreneurs like Billingsley, and we are proud that he has chosen the 24th Congressional District as his company's headquarters.

HONORING VETERAN WILLIAM E.
HELMAN FOR A LIFE OF SERVICE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. William E. Helman for his extraordinary service to our country.

Mr. Helman was born in 1923 to Edward and Sara Helman. He attended Ballston Spa Schools and enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 19. In the Army, Mr. Helman served with the Company B, 404th Engineer Combat Battalion as a Combat Engineer and a Jack Hammer Operator.

During his time in the Army, Mr. Helman courageously fought in World War II in the Italian Campaign. He was deployed across Italy to Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, North Apennines and the Po Valley. For his brave service in the war, Mr. Helman was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the Bronze Arrowhead. Additionally, he was awarded both the Good Conduct Medal and the WWII Victory Medal.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Army in October 1945, Mr. Helman worked in the automotive industry. He was a self-employed body and fender man and worked out of many garages in New York State. In 1946, Mr. Helman married Rachel and, together they raised their family of three children.

Throughout his life, Mr. Helman exemplified dedicated service to his country. I am proud to recognize him during the Saratoga County Veterans Association's Honor our Deceased Veterans Ceremony. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to honor the life of Mr. William Helman and thank him for his brave service to our country.

HONORING AL DAVIS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Adris Albert "Al" Davis Sr. of Fairlawn, Virginia, who passed away on September 13, 2022, at the age of 72. Mr. Davis was a patriot and veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

Mr. Davis was born on December 28, 1949, to Albert and Blanche Davis. He graduated from Bramwell High School in Bramwell, West Virginia. He served in the Marine Corps and the Army Reserve and earned two Purple Hearts in the Vietnam War. In the following years, he found purpose in helping his fellow veterans. He stayed active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1184 in Pulaski and the American Legion Post No. 58 in Dublin.

Mr. Davis was also a man of deep faith, belonging to First Missionary Baptist Church in Fairlawn and serving as an usher and trustee.

Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his wife Constance T. Banks-Davis. He is survived by his significant other Emily Doucette; sons Michael Kelly, Adris "Hootie" Davis Jr., and Andrew Primm; daughters Yonnie Stinson, Maria Davis-Harris (Tony), Somer Davis, Darnisha Primm, and Kendra "Kenny" Wright (Quentin); 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. I offer them my condolences on their loss. Mr. Davis was a kind man who never missed an opportunity to serve.

RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH FLORIDA HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S 28 YEARS OF WORK

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for its 28 years of successful impact on South Florida's business community. Small business is the backbone of our country. The Chamber has supported small businesses and helped connect them to individuals in South Florida for almost three decades. It is my honor to recognize the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and highlight the good work they have done.

Established in 1994, the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit 501 (c)(6) that promotes business leadership and economic growth and provides legislative advocacy for the Hispanic business community in South Florida. Since more than two-thirds of Miami-Dade County residents are of Hispanic origin, organizations like the Hispanic Chamber are crucial to the health of our local economy and civil society. Miami-Dade County has seen incredible growth over the past several years, in no small part because of the welcoming business climate. As the Miami area continues to expand, the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will keep playing a pivotal role in growing commerce and creating opportunity among the Hispanic community.

The South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has been an invaluable resource to the Hispanic community for close to 30 years. I am thankful to have attended many Chamber events and luncheons in my district, where I have seen firsthand how it develops business relationships among our Hispanic community. I look forward to another 28 years of continued business growth and excellence.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LAWRENCE BUTLER, JR.

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, the almighty God has called to his eternal rest Mr. Lawrence Butler, Jr. Mr. Butler was the only son, one of three children, he had two sisters, Clara Butler Watts and Regina Butler Davis, and after attending Southern University in Baton Rouge Louisiana, he moved to Chicago, where he lived with his Uncle Harrison Shaw. Lawrence fell in love with Chicago and quickly went to work making a life for himself in the windy city. He went to work as a bus driver for the Chicago Transit Authority and was drafted into the Army where he served as a military policeman. After serving his country, he returned to Chicago and joined the Chicago Police Department. He wore the badge with pride and honor for 34 years and enjoyed protecting and giving back to the city that he so cherished.

Lawrence's life truly began when he met and fell in love with a beautiful young woman

named Beverly. Lawrence and Beverly married September 21, 1975. Shortly afterwards, they purchased what would become their home, a beautiful Victorian in the historical Austin Shock District. Lawrence and Beverly have two daughters, Mary Ellen and Hilaree. Lawrence and Beverly and their daughters were neighbors of my family for many years, and I treasure their presence in our village and commend Lawrence for his service to our country, our city and our neighborhood where we live, work and pray.

RECOGNIZING JOHN KASSNER, JR.

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a remarkable man, John Kassner, Jr.

Born in 1925, John was the second oldest son in a family of 13, having three brothers and nine sisters. Moving to Manitowoc, Wisconsin at a very young age, John became known as a remarkable high school athlete and was involved in countless organizations, like the High School Dance Club. During John's senior year in high school, he answered the call to serve his country and enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II. During his military service, John volunteered to become a paratrooper in the heralded 101st Airborne Division. On John's 19th birthday, he and his fellow soldiers parachuted into France behind German lines to evaluate strategic locations prior to the Allied invasion. I commend John for his commitment and selfless service to the United States of America.

Following John's career in the military, he moved back to the United States with the love of his life, Joan, to begin their life together. John began his business career as a door-to-door vacuum salesman, and eventually obtained his real-estate license and began his own brokerage company. Given John's knowledge and dedication to the industry, he soon became a leader among his peers. In the mid-1970's, John was elected President of the Brown County Home Builders Association. In the years to come, given John's success within the industry, he would become the State President of the Wisconsin Home Builders Association and Director of the National Home Builders Association. I commend John for his life-long dedication to his community and country and I offer my sincere condolences to his family during this time.

Madam Speaker, the people of Northeast Wisconsin thank John Kassner, Jr. for his extraordinary commitment and service to his country. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and to all of the lives he touched.

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING RICHMOND'S SEVEN HILLS SCHOOL'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and

congratulate the Seven Hills School on the 20th Anniversary of their founding. Seven Hills School has not only provided exceptional education to middle school boys in our Richmond community but has created a strong community that will support their students long after they graduate.

The Seven Hills School first opened its doors in 2001 and over the last twenty years has created an environment that equips their graduates to succeed both in the classroom and beyond. Staff and teachers at Seven Hills School establish strong relationships between students and fosters curiosity and enthusiasm in the classroom.

After two decades, Seven Hills' teachers and staff remain dedicated to their mission of cultivating keen intellect and emotional strength in their students, as well as establishing a strong community within. With three hundred and eighty-eight alumni, Seven Hills School has established itself to be an institution designed to help middle school boys succeed with new approaches that provide hands-on and experiential learning that will stick with their students for life.

Madam Speaker. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Seven Hills School and wishing them another twenty years of success educating bright young men.

HONORING MIRA YUSEF AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mira Yusef, co-founder of Monsoon Asians and Pacific Islanders in Solidarity, as our Iowan of the Week.

Mira Yusef was just 13 years old when her family immigrated here from the Philippines. Like many families who immigrate to the United States, Mira's family was fleeing an oppressive dictatorship. She witnessed first-hand the atrocities committed around her, particularly how the women around her were treated and abused. These formative memories have stayed with her, and they fuel her passion for helping and advocating for victims of gender-based violence.

When Mira's family came to the United States, they came to Iowa as her mother married an Iowan who was in the U.S. Navy. She attended Roosevelt High School, and later she decided to go out to the San Francisco Bay Area where she had relatives. There, Mira was exposed to many other immigrants fleeing the same circumstances, which caused her to get more involved in advocacy and political issues. She came back to Iowa and was involved with the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault, where she realized there weren't any Asian activists. This inspired her to start organizing specifically around issues related to Asian communities.

Mira went on to study these issues more closely, studying areas like human trafficking in multiple different counties around southeast Asia. She eventually graduated from the University of Michigan with two Master's degrees in Southeast Asian Studies and Social Work. Her experiences and dedicated work moved

her to start her own organization, which is now called Monsoon Asians and Pacific Islanders in Solidarity.

Mira's non-profit organization provides direct services to victims and survivors of gender-based violence. She started her organization out of an office in Des Moines, and now has offices in Iowa City and Dubuque with roughly 20 employees. Mira credits the success of the non-profit to the employees they've brought in. All of them are experts in their communities and are multilingual, creating a direct, accessible experience to those who are seeking help. Not only does she credit her employees with the success they've had in Iowa, but she also highlights how their work has made it possible for the organization to grow to provide more services in a broader scale. Thanks to her employee's hard work, along with federal funding, Mira was able to have their organization provide national assistance through National Asians Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence (NAPIESV). They grew their assistance even further in 2019 as well, as her non-profit received funding for transnational work. Monsoon Asians and Pacific Islanders in Solidarity now serves victims in the Philippines, Indonesia, Micronesia, and Guam. The non-profit also works with the Alaya Women's Center in the Philippines focusing on sex trade issues.

Mira and her extraordinary team have built her non-profit organization from the community level to a global collaborative aimed at addressing some of the most heinous acts of violence imaginable. Their tremendous work nationally and globally is honorable, and they are just as passionate about addressing these issues at the community level, along with broader issues in the Asian and Pacific Islander community.

Mira's favorite aspect of her work is engaging the Asian youth in our own communities. She teaches them to be confident and comfortable with their identity, and she encourages them to find ways to help others through advocacy and non-profit organizations. She's even more proud after seeing youth she's worked with before grow up and do amazing things for their communities.

Mira, her team, and the non-profit they've developed do so much to better our own communities, and they work tirelessly every day to address the vilest acts committed around the globe. Mira's journey on this path is one of incredible inspiration, and her organization has more planned for the future. In 2018, her organization was gifted a house that they have renovated and plan to use as a community health clinic focusing on mental health. The house would also serve as a community office meeting space, and Mira and her team have more plans for developing further community engagement resources. I am in awe of the work Mira and her team at Monsoon Asian and Pacific Islanders in Solidarity do every day, and I am very honored to name Mira Yusef as this week's Iowan of the Week.

HONORING NORIO UYEMATSU

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Korean War Veteran Norio Uyematsu.

Norio was born in Cupertino, California, the oldest of four children raised by parents Niroku and Shitsuyo Uyematsu, who immigrated to America from Hiroshima, Japan. Norio is a second-generation Japanese American, or Nisei, and he is now one of the few surviving Japanese American veterans who served in the Korean War.

During World War II, when he was age 11, Norio's family was imprisoned for three years in a Japanese American concentration camp in Heart Mountain, Wyoming. As they had no home to return to, the Uyematsu family relocated to Brigham City, Utah, in 1945. He graduated from Box Elder High School in Brigham City in 1948 and decided to enlist in the Army. He was only 17 and needed his parent's approval. His father signed his enlistment form immediately, but his mother would not sign until a month before his 18th birthday.

His service began January 3, 1949, when he went through basic and advanced training in Anti-Aircraft Artillery at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. In April of 1950, his planned transfer to Okinawa, Japan, was abruptly changed with the invasion of North Korea into South Korea. Instead, he was transferred to Camp Drake in Japan and was assigned to guard Misawa Air Force Base in Northern Japan.

In July of 1951, his unit was sent to Korea to guard Kimp'o Air Base. Norio was then assigned to the 521st Military Intelligence Service to interrogate prisoners of war.

For his service, Norio, who achieved the rank of Corporal, was decorated with 10 medals. He was honorably discharged from the Army on July 27, 1952 and returned to Utah. From that day forward, Norio dedicated his life to remembering his fallen comrades and to keeping the Korean War veterans' memories alive.

The Korean War, which began on June 25, 1950 and concluded on July 27, 1953, became known as the "Forgotten War." But Norio never forgot that 33,600 American soldiers were killed in action fighting to prevent the North Korean Communist regime from taking over South Korea.

Of the 33,600 men who lost their lives defending South Korea, 247 of those soldiers were Japanese Americans. Because of their selfless sacrifice, the tide of communism on the Korean Peninsula was halted and liberty triumphed over tyranny. Today, the Republic of Korea is a free democracy because of the service of the 5,000 Japanese Americans and other honorable soldiers who fought in the Korean War. Now, a few months short of age 92, he is still working to make sure the sacrifices made by his fellow soldiers are remembered. To fulfill his mission, Norio has served as an active member in several veterans organizations: the Japanese American Korean War Veterans, the Korean War Veterans Association, the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 100, the American Legion, and the Japanese American Veterans Association, and the Kazuo Masuda VFW Memorial Post 3670, of which he was a three term commander. To continue his ties to his Utah roots, he is also a member of the Salt Lake Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Norio also continues his volunteer activism by supporting community projects and attending events, including the July 27, 2022 dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial "Wall of Remembrance" in Washington, DC.

Throughout his life, Norio was supported in his work by his wife of 63 years, Hanako Rose Fujikawa Uyematsu, also from Brigham City. They raised three boys, Michael, Ronald, and Thomas, who gave them eleven grand-children and two great grandchildren. Rose passed away in 2020 at home in Anaheim, California.

For many, Norio Uyematsu's contributions to his community are not well known since he preferred to humbly work in the shadows. But his spirit of service will continue by the foundation he set reminding others of what Korean War veterans did over 68 years ago to defend Democracy and Freedom. The people of America and the Republic of Korea will be forever grateful.

RECOGNIZING IAN WILSON

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ian Wilson, who was my legislative staffer, for his service to Kentucky's Second District.

The Acton, Massachusetts native first started working for Kentucky's Second District as an intern in my D.C. Congressional office in the summer of 2018. The following year he returned to Capitol Hill to intern for Congressman ADAM KINZINGER. In 2020, Ian graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with degrees in political science and Middle Eastern studies.

Ian returned to my D.C. congressional office as a staff assistant in January 2022. In this role, he gave constituent tours, managed the U.S. flag order service, and communicated with constituents on policy being debated in Congress. Ian's team player attitude and strong work ethic made him a valuable member of the team. He was promoted to legislative correspondent and used his strong grasp on policy to assist me in responding to constituent inquiries quickly and thoroughly. I want to thank Ian for his work serving Kentucky's Second District as an intern, staff assistant, and legislative correspondent, and I wish him the best in the next chapter of his career.

CELEBRATING MR. DENNIS CAPRARA

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Dennis Caprara, who passed away on April 12, 2021. The Salad Bowl of the World lost a key ingredient with the passing of Mr. Caprara, a revered industry leader and farmer in the Salinas Valley. In his 74 years, Mr. Caprara contributed so much to our leading industry of agriculture and our fundamental identity in the Salinas Valley.

A true local boy, Dennis grew up in Gonzales, California, where he grew fond of farming and grew to appreciate the hard work and sound judgment necessary to succeed in agriculture. Founding RC Farms and RC

Packing, Mr. Caprara and his family became the definition of what it means to be a successful family farm.

But Dennis Caprara was not just a farmer, he was a leader. He served as Chairman of the Grower-Shipper Association, director of the Salinas Valley River Coalition, and as a distinguished fellow at a local college. Over the years, he received many honors and awards, such as: CSUMB Distinguished Fellow-Ag Businessman of the Year, Salinas Area Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Leadership Award, and Future Farmers of America Honorary Chapter Farmer.

Dennis also gave back to the community that gave him so much. He was a member of the Swiss Rifle Club and always attended the local livestock auctions where he and his wife, Janice, were active bidders, supporting the young leaders of 4H and Future Farmers of America.

Mr. Caprara was a friend and a mentor to many, including myself. He offered so much to those who knew him, who worked with him, who listened to him, and who loved him.

Madam Speaker, today we mourn the loss of Dennis Caprara. But because of Dennis, every day we realize that the Salad Bowl of life tastes so good, not just because of its products, but also because of its people.

RECOGNIZING THE DONOHO
SCHOOL CLASS 2A STATE
VOLLEYBALL TITLE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Donoho School Lady Falcons for winning the AHSAA Class 2A state volleyball title.

Donoho beat Pleasant Valley to secure their third state title in the past four years. The game was played at Birmingham's Bill Harris Arena on October 26, 2022.

Securing this state title brings the volleyball program to 13 total state championships.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Coach Anna Taylor, the volleyball team, students, faculty and all the fans. Go Lady Falcons.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF VICE
ADMIRAL BILL MERZ

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Vice Admiral Bill Merz, who will retire from the U.S. Navy on December 1, 2022, after nearly 40 years in uniform. His long and distinguished service to our nation reflects an unwavering devotion to duty and great love of country.

Vice Admiral Merz earned his commission from the United States Naval Academy in 1986 and upon graduation entered the fleet as a newly minted submarine officer. Having first qualified aboard the attack submarine USS *Haddo* (SSN 604), he subsequently qualified

in surface warfare while serving aboard the submarine tender USS *Proteus* (AS 19), which was the last remaining vessel in service that observed the end of World War II from Tokyo Bay. After commanding the nuclear deep-sea vessel "NR-1," the attack submarine USS *Memphis* (SSN 691), and Submarine Development Squadron Twelve, his sea-going career concluded aboard the USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) as commander of the U.S. 7th Fleet.

Merz' service ashore reflected the same rigors he faced at sea, serving in prestigious and demanding roles as Director, Undersea Warfare Division (OPNAV N97); Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Requirements (OPNAV N9); and in his final tour of duty, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans, and Strategy (OPNAV N3N5). During his time at the Pentagon, he had the duty to frequently appear as a witness before congressional committees, and to present budgets and policy. This can be an arduous experience at times, but Admiral Merz never lost his patience, composure, or civility. He treated every member with respect and showed a refreshing willingness to listen to suggestions. As Chair of the Seapower Subcommittee for the last four years, I had the opportunity to see up close the seriousness and authenticity with which he approached his job. He understood that Article one, Section eight, Clause thirteen of the U.S. Constitution vested in Congress the authority to 'provide and maintain a Navy.' As exasperating as that arrangement can sometimes be, Admiral Merz adhered to that edict and thus kept faith with his oath to the Constitution from the day he left Annapolis to his departure on 1 December, 2022.

Madam Speaker, as the proud Representative of Naval Submarine Base New London—the Submarine Capital of the World—I recognize the immense sacrifice Bill has made for this country. Few choose a life that takes them away from their family, but fewer still choose a life in the "Silent Service," where submariners endure deployments without the luxury of frequent communication with their loved ones. For this reason, I ask the Members to also recognize the service and sacrifice of the Men family—his wife Martha, his daughter Caroline, and his sons Thomas and Matthew—without whom these past 40 years could not have been possible. They have been an integral part of the admiral's long journey and deserve our nation's thanks.

As Bill brings to an end this chapter of his life and hangs up the uniform, I ask that we honor him today for his many years of leadership and service to our great Nation. To that end, it is most appropriate that my colleagues in the House join me in celebrating Vice Admiral Bill Merz and wishing him and his family all the best as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

HONORING THE WORK AND RETIREMENT OF WILLIAM "CHIP" R. MURRAY

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of William "Chip" R. Mur-

ray, for his retirement after a stunning 47-year career in service to two of our Nation's greatest resources: our forests and the millions of Americans who own and manage them.

After beginning his career at the U.S. Department of the Interior, Chip found his way into forestry in 1989. Chip focused on forestry issues for more than 20 years at the American Forest & Paper Association, where he served as Deputy General Counsel and Executive Director of Forestry. In that role, he oversaw forestry programs that helped forest owners manage their land to meet the objectives of the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act. Chip also spearheaded important improvements to various legislation impacting the forestry sector.

In 2010, Chip joined the National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) as Vice President for Policy, and General Counsel. His work at NAFO over the last 12 years has focused on ensuring that policymakers understand and appreciate private forestry's deeply rooted culture of sustainability and the vast environmental benefits private working forests provide—from climate mitigation and clean air to clean water and wildlife habitat.

Chip's work on wildlife conservation is perhaps his most enduring legacy. Chip led the development of the Wildlife Conservation Initiative, a pioneering partnership between private landowners and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) to conserve at-risk and declining species on private forestlands. Under Chip's leadership, NAFO's Wildlife Conservation Initiative has become the gold standard of collaborative species conservation. Today, NAFO members and the USFWS are partnering on voluntary conservation projects in every legacy USFWS region in the country.

Throughout his career, Chip has led and participated in a wide variety of forestry sector organizations and coalitions. He is widely known for his encyclopedic knowledge of forestry, his rich institutional memory, and the passion he brings to any issue he touches. Chip is generous with his time, insights, and mentorship, to the great benefit of several generations of forestry professionals.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the outstanding career of Chip Murray, spent in service to our nation's abundant privately owned forests. Today we honor Chip and the lasting impact he has had on the forestry community, both inside and outside of government. We wish him and Ellen well as they start the next chapter of their lives—enjoying many adventures that undoubtedly will include time well spent in the forest.

HONORING LAURA TUCKER

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Laura Tucker of Salem, Virginia, upon receiving the Charles Brown Award from Roanoke College. The award recognizes citizens of Salem who have made significant contributions to the well-being of the City and its people, and Ms. Tucker is certainly deserving of the honor.

Ms. Tucker works for the Salem Water Department and as an instructional assistant in

Salem City Schools, but she dedicates so much more of her time and her effort to the City. Through Junior Achievement of South-west Virginia, she mentors elementary school students through programs on financial literacy, good citizenship, entrepreneurship, and career paths. JA named her its volunteer of the year in 2018.

For Salem's 215th birthday, Ms. Tucker co-founded a grassroots social media group, Salem215, to celebrate the City and share news about its cultural, economic, and governmental activities. She is also a staunch patron of Roanoke College's Toy Like Me program to modify toys for children with disabilities, donating to it, referring children to it, and assisting with its activities.

I would like to offer Laura my sincerest congratulations on receiving the Charles Brown Award, a recognition of all the good that she has done and continues to do for our hometown.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, as the Chairman of the Ways and Means Worker and Family Subcommittee with jurisdiction over the Supplemental Security Income Program—or SSI, it is an honor and privilege to recognize the 50th Anniversary of this essential program that serves as our nation's fundamental safety net for low-income seniors and people with disabilities.

The charge that a humane society should care for its vulnerable is long-standing. The Chinese philosopher Confucius said: "In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of." The Jewish teaching of tzedakah advocates treating every person with righteousness and justice. In the book of Matthew, Jesus said, "As you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me." And, Mahatma Gandhi indicated that "the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members."

In the 20th century, our country established and improved programs that created the foundation of a system to care for vulnerable Americans—such as FDR's New Deal, LBJ's Great Society, and the hundreds of laws to strengthen these programs. Fifty years ago, many low-income Americans with significant disabilities experienced painful hardship because they lacked the monthly income to support themselves. No federal program met their needs; rather, each state had separate rules for who could receive benefits, for how long, and for how much.

In 1972, a Democratic Congress and a Republican President recognized the challenges faced by low-income people with severe disabilities and amended the Social Security Act to replace the inadequate, inconsistent, state support system with a permanent, national

benefits program that offers a minimum, monthly income. As a federal program, SSI consolidated several state and federal elderly anti-poverty and disability programs into one program to support the most vulnerable.

Today, SSI provides food, shelter, heat in the winter, and dignity to more than 7.6 million American seniors and those with severe disabilities. In Cook County, Illinois, which includes my Congressional District, over 140,000 people rely on SSI to help buy food, pay rent, keep the lights on, and pay out-of-pocket health care costs. Importantly, SSI eligibility often increases eligibility for other important benefits—such as state public assistance, Medicaid, and SNAP—to also assist with critical expenses, like hospital stays, doctors' bills, and prescriptions.

In addition to supporting seniors and adults with disabilities, SSI benefits also help many children with disabilities and health conditions access the specialized care and treatment they need. Further, SSI helps compensate for the loss of income that is common for parents managing their children's complex care. Over 33,000 Illinois children receive these vital supports each month.

As we reflect on the strengths of SSI, we also must recognize the need for improvement. Given that SSI represents the only income for more than half of SSI recipients, we have a responsibility to ensure that the program truly protects disabled and elderly Americans from poverty and hardship. Further due to our country's history of systemic racism, including in employment and health care, people of color disproportionately experience poverty and disability compared to their peers. Consequently, policymakers need to modernize the SSI program to promote stability for the most vulnerable Americans.

We must improve monthly benefits to protect the elderly and disabled from suffering in poverty. We must adjust the asset limits for inflation. Currently, the program caps monthly savings at \$2,000 and \$3,000 for participating individuals and couples. If we adjusted asset limits for inflation since 1972, the asset cap for individuals would be \$9,000. Raising assets limits would allow millions of beneficiaries to appropriately save for emergencies, rather than having to make immoral choices between food or shelter or health. Additionally, we need to increase the outdated income limits that remain the same as they were 50 years ago. In short, we must modernize the SSI program so that it effectively supports the poorest Americans, bolstering dignity and well-being.

I am especially proud that, as we mark the 50th anniversary of SSI, my colleagues and I at the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support continue working closely with the Social Security Administration to improve outreach to those missing seniors and people with disabilities as they reopen their field offices, but there is much more we need to do to help reconnect those whom the pandemic disconnected from SSI, either from applying for initial benefits or being separated from current benefits.

As we celebrate five decades of the SSI program, I would like to recognize the amazing local disability advocates who tirelessly provide the on-going, vital help for vulnerable individuals in Chicago. These organizations serve as points of access for long-term sup-

ports and services, including home health care and assistive technology. They help expand and defend people's rights, including supporting self-advocacy groups and legal assistance. A few of these wonderful organizations are:

- Access Living
- The Arc of Illinois
- Chicago ADAPT
- Chicago Health Advocates
- Equip for Equality
- Health and Disability Advocates
- Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Illinois Department of Aging
- Legal Counsel for Health Justice
- Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
- Voices for Illinois Children

In closing, I celebrate the first 50 years of the Supplemental Security Income program, and I promise to continue to fight for dignity for our most vulnerable citizens to make SSI's impact even bigger over the next 50 years.

RECOGNIZING MS. ANAMARIA LABAO CABATO, OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER IN THE 51ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Anamaria Labao Cabato, an outstanding arts and culture advocate and community member in the 51st Congressional District.

Ms. Cabato is being honored for her long-time commitment to advancing multicultural arts through various programs and initiatives. She is the Executive Director of PASACAT Philippine Performing Arts Company and has been involved with the organization since its inception 52 years ago in 1970. PASACAT is comprised of dancers, instrumentalists, and "harana" singers. As many as thirty performances are given yearly to various educational, cultural, religious, and social organizations in the region.

Ms. Cabato serves as a board member of the San Diego Area Dance Alliance, was a founding partner of VOCAL, (Voices of Community at All Levels) and is a member of the City of San Diego Cultural Diversity Committee.

Most recently, Ms. Cabato was the co-chair of the new Filipinos of South Bay Exhibit (FOSBE) at the Chula Vista Library, which shares stories of Filipinos of the South Bay in San Diego County.

Ms. Cabato is being honored as the 51st District Constituent of the Month in October 2022, during Filipino American History Month. She is recognized for her work preserving and promoting Asian Pacific culture through the arts and contributing to the overall cultural vitality of the 51st Congressional District. She has vast experience as an arts administrator and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from San Diego State University.

RECOGNIZING BOXING WORLD
CHAMPION AND LAREDO NATIVE
ORLANDO CANIZALES

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Orlando Canizales, a former boxing world champion and native son of Laredo, Texas.

Born in Laredo in 1965, Mr. Canizales began boxing at the age of ten at the local Boys and Girls Club. After going 108–12 as an amateur, he turned professional in 1984. He would become one of the world's best fighters in the late 1980s to early 1990s.

In 1988, Mr. Canizales became a world champion after winning the International Boxing Federation bantamweight title, knocking out the defending titlist in the fifteenth round. He would go on to make a division record 16 title defenses. Mr. Canizales continued fighting until 1999, until he decided to hang up his gloves. He retired with a record of 50–5–1 with 37 knockouts.

Mr. Canizales was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 2009. He gave a rousing speech in which he spoke about the life lessons that boxing had given him. "Boxing has taught me a lot in life," he said. "That dedication, discipline and determination will pay off in the long run and not to be easily swayed by obstacles and bumps in the road."

His brother, Gaby, was also a world champion. A boxing gym on Guadalupe Street in my hometown of Laredo now bears both of their names. Today, Mr. Canizales spends much of his days working with young boxers, continuing the South Texas tradition of producing some of America's finest fighters.

On behalf of the 28th District of Texas, I would like to again invite my colleagues to recognize Mr. Canizales, a truly legendary Laredoan, and celebrate all his accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING "FIU IN WASH-
INGTON, D.C." OPENING A NEW
STUDENT AND RESEARCH SHOW-
CASE CENTER IN OUR NATION'S
CAPITAL

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of Florida International University's new student and research showcase center in Washington, D.C. Over the last four decades, FIU has grown exponentially to become one of the top universities in the state of Florida. It is now one of the fastest-rising universities in the nation. Today's opening ceremony is yet another example of how the university continues to invest in its students well beyond South Florida.

This new facility—a first-of-its-kind academic and briefing center—is part of an integrated advocacy approach called "FIU in Washington, D.C." It aims at both further developing FIU's national reputation and expanding fed-

eral support for the university's preeminent programs. The 5,000 square foot space will give FIU students studying and interning in D.C. access to federal research programs and other resources. It will also allow FIU faculty to collaborate with federal partners and showcase the impact of their research on several areas of study that especially pertain to South Floridians—including environmental and coastal resilience, population health, Latin America and the Caribbean, defense-related engineering technologies, and STEM research.

In addition, the research center will allow students, faculty, and alumni to host national workshops and conferences tailored towards federal policy initiatives. Its proximity to the United States Capitol will give FIU student-interns a better grasp of current legislation, as well as the chance to meet with elected officials. This new center will push the university further to the forefront of national excellence. I am proud to represent Florida International University and look forward to seeing it continue to expand and excel in our Nation's capital. Go Panthers.

HONORING NEW YORK AGRI-
CULTURE LEADER RICHARD
MCGUIRE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Richard "Dick" McGuire for his dedication and service to the New York State agricultural community.

Dick was born in 1922 and raised on his family farm in Jackson, New York. Given his family's deep agricultural roots and his interest in football, Dick attended SUNY Morrisville and studied animal science while playing college football. Despite his passion for sports, Dick turned down an offer to try out for the Philadelphia Eagles, instead choosing to work on a farm throughout college.

Upon graduating, Dick fully dedicated his time to working on his family's farm. In just a short period, he expanded it from 65 acres to 440 acres. He soon became involved in local affairs, leading to him become the President of the New York State Farm Bureau from 1970 to 1984.

In 1988, he was appointed by the Governor to serve as New York Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, where he served for seven years. He later advised numerous national leaders and Presidents, including Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan on issues important to farmers and agriculture. For his exceptional service to New York State and the country, Dick was named Outstanding Commissioner of Agriculture by the National Biotech Industry and given the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award by the American Farm Bureau.

Dick and his wife, Polly, currently operate the Penope Farm in New York. Their farm includes twelve museum collections of farming equipment and tools dating back to the 1800s. His efforts have been instrumental in educating New Yorkers about the history and importance of farming. Dick still collects items, each one meticulously documented and arranged, and regularly hosts visitors.

Dick has been an instrumental leader in the Upstate New York agricultural community, a dedicated public servant, a true historian, and a farmer at heart. His work on behalf of New York farmers and agriculture has made significant impact on his community, state, and country. He continues to inspire generations through his important documentation and collection of historical objects to tell the story of the evolution of American agriculture and rural life. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Dick on his 100th birthday, wish him well in his years to come, and thank him for his continued leadership and inspiration.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH
ANNIVERSARY COMER MUSEUM

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th Anniversary of Comer Museum in the heart of Sylacauga, Alabama.

The Comer Museum has been home to the Third Congressional District Art Competition for years and I appreciate their partnership with us to help recognize our great young artists across East Alabama.

A celebration will be held on October 22nd to honor the 40 years of art the museum has brought to the area.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing my friends at the Comer Museum and wishing them a happy 40th anniversary.

HONORING JOHN CLAUSER

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Clauser for receiving the Nobel Prize in Physics.

John Clauser was born in Pasadena, California and obtained his Bachelor of Science in Physics at the California Institute of Technology. John then went to Columbia University in New York City, where he received both a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy in Physics. He then came back to the Bay Area to work at the University of California, Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He is current a resident of California's 11th Congressional District.

While at UC Berkeley, John carried out the first experimental test of the Clauser-Horne-Shimony-Holt Bell Theorem predictions, which was the first experimental observation of a violation of a Bell Inequality. The Bell Inequalities was a mathematical relationship that would be satisfied by a hidden variable theory in which measurement of one particle would not instantly affect the properties of the other particle, which John became interested in as he began experimental testing. John worked with Stuart Freedman to publish the first experimental test of the Bell Inequalities in 1972, and their results showed a clear violation of

the Bell Inequality in accordance with those predicted by quantum mechanics.

In 1991, John came back to UC Berkeley as a research scientist for the physics department while he was a faculty scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he carried out further tests of Bell's Theorem. John teamed up with three other physicists—Michael Horne, Abner Shimony, and Richard Hold—to further propose an experimental test of Bell's Theorem.

John was named one of the recipients of the Reality Foundation Prize in 1982 and the Wolf Prize in 2010 and was named the Thompson-Reuters Citation Laureate in Physics in 2011. Dr. Clauser was honored with the Nobel Prize in Physics on October 4, 2022, for the initial Bell Inequality experiment and the research that stemmed from it. The original groundbreaking experiment in 1972 along with the more recent research confirmed that quantum mechanics is correct and paved the way for quantum computers, quantum networks, and quantum encrypted communication.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Clauser on this incredible accomplishment and his contributions to Physics.

REMEMBERING MR. BILLY F.
DEBERRY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Mr. Billy F. DeBerry, who passed away on September 17, 2022. A local legend and inspiration to our community, Mr. DeBerry's life and enduring contributions made a positive impact to many of my constituents across the Monterey Peninsula. Born on February 7, 1939, in Denmark, Tennessee, Mr. DeBerry spent most of his life in Seaside, California. While working at Alabama State College, Mr. DeBerry and his wife were recruited by Mr. Charlie Knight, marking the beginning of a 32-year-long, influential ca-

reer with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District.

Mr. DeBerry's prolific career with Monterey Peninsula Unified School District began when he was hired as a professional school counselor for Martin Luther King, Jr. High School in 1968. Two years later, he was promoted to Assistant Principal at Monterey High School, and four years later, he was promoted to Principal. In 1987, Billy joined the Central Office of MPUSD as Director of Personnel and Assistant Superintendent of Personnel. In 1991, he was promoted to Associate Superintendent and would eventually become Superintendent of Schools in 1994. It was this position that Mr. DeBerry would hold until his retirement in 2000.

Throughout Billy's career, he exemplified high standards of integrity, discipline, inclusiveness, and most importantly, compassion. Most notably, Mr. DeBerry worked diligently and tirelessly to become the first and only African American Superintendent of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District.

These high standards extended beyond his role as Superintendent. Mr. DeBerry worked to lift up the Central Coast through his important and influential positions on the Advisory Board for California State University Monterey Bay Institute for Community Collaborative Studies, the City of Seaside's Mayor's Advisory Committee on Government Efficiency, the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Community Development Program, the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury, the Monterey County Equal Opportunity Advisory Commission, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office Commission, and the Monterey County Economic Development Commission.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Billy DeBerry was the type of dedicated community member, leader, and educator we should all strive to be. His legacy is a shining example and inspiration to us all to become more involved in our communities. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4,

1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 30

9 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
To receive a closed briefing on electronic warfare.

SVC-217

10 a.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine putting the Bipartisan Infrastructure law to work, focusing on the private sector perspective.

SD-406

DECEMBER 7

2:30 p.m.
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine the Civil Society Campaign to improve the lethality and survivability of the Ukrainian military.

SD-562